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SUBJECT: GRUMMAN AGENTS PROBLEM

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1.RE PARA 4 OF REFTTEL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEWSDAY (NOT NY TIMES), WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING GRUMMAN PROBLEM, ,CARRIED LONG ARTICLE IN FEB 15 ISSUE, PRESUMABLY BASED ON STATEMENTS BY LAVI BROTHERS, THAT INDICATED THAT TOUFANIAN AND LATE GEN. KHATAMI HAD RECEIVED PAYOFFS WHICH LED TO SELECTION OF F-14 FOR IIAF.

2. GRUMMAN HAS RELEASED STATEMENT DENYING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PAYOFFS TO GOI OFFICIALS AND EXPRESSING SHOCK THAT ANYONE WOULD MAKE SUCH ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SUCH DEDICATED IRAN- IAN PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS TOUFANIAN AND KHATAMI.

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3. WE WILL OBTAIN COPY OF NEWSDAY ARTICLE AND TRANSMIT
PERTINENT PORTIONS TO EMBASSY, INGERSOLL

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